

REMARKS

Entry of this Amendment and reconsideration are respectfully requested in view of the amendments made to the claims and for the remarks made herein.

Claims 1, 2, 4 and 6-9 are pending and stand rejected. Claims 1 and 7 have been amended.

Claims 7 and 9 stand rejected under 35 USC 101 as allegedly being directed to non-statutory subject matter.

Applicant respectfully disagrees with and explicitly traverses the reason for rejecting the claims. However, applicant has amended the claims as suggested in the Office Action.

Applicant submits the rejection of claims 7 and 9 has been overcome and respectfully requests that the rejection be withdrawn.

Claims 1-2 and 6-9 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Vandermeijden (USP no. 7,143,043).

Applicant respectfully disagrees and explicitly traverses the reason for rejecting the claims. However, the independent claims 1 and 7 have been amended to recite "associating through use of a configurable look-up table each of the plurality of potential data with respective individual data." No new matter has been added. Support for the amendment may be found at least on page 5, lines 8-10.

Vandermeijden discloses a dual-input data system for resolving an ambiguous data input by a second system input. However, Vandermeijden fails to disclose a look-up table associating the plurality of ambiguous data to individual respective data, as is now recited in the claims.

"Anticipation requires the presence in a single prior art reference disclosure of each and every element of the claimed invention, *arranged as in the claim*."

Vandermeijden cannot be said to anticipate the invention recited in the independent claims because Vandermeijden fails to recite all the elements claimed.

For at least this reason, applicant submits that the reason for the rejection of claims 1 and 7 has been overcome and respectfully requests that the rejection be withdrawn.

With regard to the remaining claims, which depend from the independent claims, these claims recite subject matter not disclosed by Vandermeijden, and hence, are allowable by virtue of their dependency upon an allowable base claim.

Claim 4 stands rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Vandermeijden in view of Grover (USP no. 5,818,437).

Applicant respectfully disagrees with and explicitly traverses the reason for rejecting the claims. Claim 4 depends from claim 1, which has been shown to contain subject matter not disclosed by Vandermeijden. Grover provides no teaching to correct the deficiency found to exist in Vandermeijden.

In order to establish a *prima facie* case of obviousness, three basic criteria must be met;

1. there must be some suggestion or motivation, either in the references themselves or in the knowledge generally available to one of ordinary skill in the art, to modify the reference or combine the reference teachings;
2. there must be a reasonable expectation of success; and
3. the prior art reference must teach or suggest all the claim limitations. The teaching or suggestion to make the claimed combination and the reasonable expectation of success must be found in the prior art, and not based on applicant's disclosure.

With regard to the invention as recited in claim 4, applicant respectfully submits that a *prima facie* case of obviousness has not been set forth as the combination of Vandermeijden and Grover fails to recite all the elements recited in the claims.

For the remarks made above, applicant submits that the rejection of the claim has been overcome and can no longer be sustained.


Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection and allowance of the claim.

For all the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that all the present claims are patentable in view of the cited references. A Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

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